

Iron County Register.

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IRONTON, MISSOURI.

WARRANTS were issued, on the 2d, for the arrest of 40 San Francisco druggists, charged with selling pills under counterfeit labels which they knew to be bogus.

The German report of England's backdown in the matter of the opening of the Ta-Lien-Wan as a free port is denied by English, Russian and Chinese authorities.

On the 4th the president sent to the senate the name of Ethan A. Hitchcock, of Missouri, now minister, to be ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Russia.

THOMAS L. THOMPSON, ex-United States minister to Brazil, committed suicide at Santa Rosa, Cal., on the 1st, by cutting his throat. Dependence is supposed to have been the cause.

HON. JOHN W. GREGG, late governor of the state of New Jersey, who took the oath of office as attorney-general, on the 31st, entered upon the duties of his new office on the 1st. Later he attended a cabinet meeting.

SINCE the government removed the bounty from sugar the once-promising sorghum industry in Kansas has collapsed. A plant at Fort Scott, which cost \$100,000, was sold to Nebraska parties recently for \$9,000.

FAILURES during the week ended February 4, as reported by E. G. Drugg, Co., were, for the United States, 335, against 311 for the corresponding week of 1897, and for Canada, 39, against 63 for the same week in 1897.

The state department had not, up to the 2d, been informed by Ambassador White of the decree against the importation of American fresh fruit into Germany, and the official statement of the matter was awaited with anxiety.

At a mass-meeting in Wichita, Kas., on the 4th, citizens formulated an invitation to President McKinley to visit that city during the Transmississippi congress next fall. If he accepts, President Diaz of Mexico will be invited to meet him there.

The total exports of raw sugar from Belgium in 1897 were 394,787,616 pounds, of which 194,728,208 came to the United States. The total exports of refined sugar was 125,038,234 pounds, and of this, 1,162,698, known as pulverized, came to the United States.

The British steamer *Majestic* has been chartered to carry 20 locomotives and a general cargo from Philadelphia to the Finland government. The locomotives are being shipped by the Baldwin works, and consist of ten passenger and twelve freight engines.

SECRETARY BLISS, on the 3d, sent to the public land committees of the senate and house a bill prepared by Col. Young, the acting superintendent of the Yellowstone national park, for extension of the limits of that reservation by about 3,000 square miles.

The contract has been signed for a mill plant at Guthrie, Okla., to grind eight screws, giving a capacity of 120 tons daily. The mill will give employment to from 75 to 100 men, and will be owned and operated by the American Cotton Co., of New York.

THE Grocers' and Importers' exchange of Philadelphia, on the 1st, made its third and final shipment of provisions to the poor of Cuba. This shipment made an aggregate of 130,000 pounds of food supplies sent to Cuba by the exchange within three weeks.

A DISPATCH from Constantinople, on the 3d, said: "Russia, France and Great Britain have agreed to insist upon the candidature of Prince George of Greece for the governorship of Crete and are ready to enforce their determination should the sultan prove obdurate."

The Indian office will soon issue advertisements inviting proposals for erecting 60 miles of barbed-wire fence along the north line of the Pine Ridge reservation, S. D. The fence is considered necessary to keep out cattle which might otherwise stray into the reservation.

The gold production of the Cripple Creek (Col.) district during the month of January was, in round figures, \$1,290,000. The dividends declared by 11 mining companies operating there amounted to \$146,000, while fully \$75,000 more was cleared up by mines under private ownership.

On the 2d, the Prussian minister of finance, Dr. Miquel, without warning, issued a decree, to go into effect immediately, prohibiting the importation of every kind of American fresh fruit. The decree was sent to all German ports and frontier stations, excepting Bavaria, Saxony and Wurttemberg.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Diamond Match Co., in Chicago, on the 2d, the \$798,767 lost to the stockholders of the Moore Bros. in 1896, and carried as an asset, was erased from the books. The amount was taken from the surplus account.

The monthly statement of the bureau of statistics, issued on the 25th, showed that the exports of wheat during the calendar year 1897 aggregated 109,909,928 bushels, a gain of more than 20,000,000 bushels over 1896, and over 44,000,000 bushels as compared with 1895. Wheat flour, however, fell off over 2,000,000 barrels as compared with 1896.

A RESOLUTION was introduced in the New York state senate, on the 3d, declaring that the state of New York "has been grossly misrepresented by one of its senators" (meaning Senator Murphy, who cast his vote for the Teller resolution), "thus aiding in the foundation of principles calculated to foster distrust and disaster to the financial and business interests of the state."

A CONFERENCE of business men from all parts of the state of Pennsylvania met in Philadelphia, on the 2d, under the auspices of the Business Men's League, and resolved to request John Wanamaker to become a candidate for the republican nomination for governor against the candidate favored by United States Senator Quay.

Vigorous anti-Quay resolutions were adopted.

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NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

In the senate, on the 31st, the army appropriation bill, H. R. 10,000, and the legislative, judicial and executive appropriation bill, carrying \$1,658,520, were passed after which a recess of five hours was held.

In the house the Teller resolution, declaring the bonds of the United States payable in silver, was passed after five hours and rejected, 452 yeas, 122 nays.

In the senate, on the 1st, no business of importance was transacted in the open session. Mr. Clark introduced a resolution in favor of the Teller resolution, as a matter of personal privilege made a speech defending his vote and claiming that it was not impugned by the resolution.

In the house the Teller resolution was considered in secret session. In the house a bill was passed authorizing the secretary of the treasury to purchase a suitable vessel for revenue cutter service on the Yukon. At 12:30 the house went into committee on the resolution of the House of Representatives of the District of Columbia appropriation bill.

In the senate, on the 3d, the agricultural appropriation bill was read and the amendments proposed by the committee were agreed to. The greater part of the day was passed in consideration of the Hawaiian annexation treaty. In the house the District of Columbia appropriation bill was further considered, and the bill was passed.

In the senate, on the 3d, the consideration of the agricultural appropriation bill occupied almost the entire open session. The bill was finally passed, after which a brief executive session was held. In the house consideration of the Hawaiian annexation treaty was continued.

In the senate, on the 4th, speaking to a question of personal privilege, Senator Lindsay, of Kentucky, criticised the motives of the author of the resolution recently passed by the legislature of Kentucky demanding his resignation as senator. He claimed to be senior of the present senate of Kentucky with a duty to the whole country, and not a mere agent of the Kentucky legislature.

An executive session of three hours was held. In the house, it being private bill day, little business was transacted owing to ill-feeling.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

THE steamer *Germania*, sailing from New York for Europe, on the 2d, took out 960,000 ounces of silver.

A RICH strike of gold has just been made on the Boyle lease on the Lucky Gus property at Bull Hill, Col. The ore was encountered in the 180-foot level and assays \$2,600 to the ton. The vein is a six-inch streak of flour-stained quartz and showed free gold in profuse quantities.

ADVICES from Australia tell of appalling climatic conditions in many sections of that country. The proportion of heat are so numerous that the situation in large cities is simply alarming.

THE International Paper Co., of Corlith, Saratoga county, N. Y., a combination of all the big firms in the country, has been incorporated in New York, with a capital of \$45,000,000.

A CAR load of trained dogs from Newfoundland on the way to Alaska reached Vancouver, B. C., on the 31st. The dogs will be taken to Skagway and used in hauling miners' outfits in the Yukon valley.

GRANITE, according to a special dispatch from Shanghai, has demanded that Port Arthur and Ta-Lien-Wan be made free ports.

THE month of January closed with nearly \$1,000,000 on the right side of the government ledger. To be exact, the receipts for the month exceed the expenditures by \$91,638.39.

ROACH's shipyard at Chester, Pa., concluded a contract, on the 1st, to build for the Standard Oil Co. the largest tank ship ever constructed in this country. The ship will be 364 feet in length, 48 feet beam and 32 feet deep and will be built to carry oil in bulk.

THE most violent storm known since 1851 swept the shores of Cape Ann, Mass., and vicinity, on the 1st, causing heavy loss of life, and about \$200,000 property damage. More than a dozen vessels went ashore near Gloucester, at least four more are lost, and many others damaged.

LESTER A. BEARDSLEE, rear admiral of the United States navy, has been retired on account of age. He was the second ranking officer in the navy, and at the date of his retirement was stationed in Washington as president of the examining and retiring boards.

DETAILS received in Constantinople, on the 3d, from Balkis, Asia Minor, showed that 30 persons were killed and 50 injured by the recent earthquake at that place and in Brusa.

The senate, on the 3d, confirmed the nomination of Col. M. L. Langdon, assistant quartermaster general, to be brigadier general.

QUIET negotiations are said to have been going on in the senate for several days, looking to a sensational combination of the friends of both Hawaii and Cuba, with the object in view of precipitating a crisis on both questions.

A FIRE which broke out in the fourth story of the reclaiming plant of the United States Rubber Co., at Naugatuck, Conn., on the night of the 1st, practically destroyed the entire plant, entailing a loss of more than \$700,000; partly insured.

THE Carnegie-Oliver Mining Co., operating four of the largest iron mines on the Adirondack range, in Wisconsin, and employing 1,500 men, has announced an increase of ten per cent. in the wages of all their employees.

LUCY TAYLOR, the 20-year-old daughter of Walter Taylor, a clerk in the treasury department, in Washington, jumped from the second-story window, on the night of the 1st, and, falling to the street, ran, almost nude, through the streets. It was half an hour before she was found, during which time her father had hanged himself. He was cut down and removed to a hospital. Both are likely to recover.

A moon-stricken coat belonging to A. D. Storms, who is charged, at Burlington, Ia., with murdering Mrs. Rathbun and her daughter, was found on the 3d. There was much feeling against Storms, but little probability of trouble.

A. P. WILDER, a prominent railroad man, and superintendent of the Missouri and Kansas Pacific Association, died at Topeka, Kas., on the 3d, from Bright's disease, aged 66. He was for many years cash accountant of the Santa Fe.

ALL New York is guessing how Cashier William J. Quinlan, Jr., of the Chemical national bank of New York city, came to leave Francis Cato Grable and John S. Silver, promoters, \$300,000 without security and without consulting the directors. The most charitable construction placed upon the affair is that Quinlan was hypnotized.

On the 3d, the president nominated Walter S. Vele, of Indiana, to be surveyor of customs at the port of Evansville, Ind.

IMPORTANT information as to the success of the Spanish schemes for autonomy in Cuba has been received in Washington. Mr. Atkins, of Boston, who is the American agent in Havana, has written to Consul General Lee expressing the opinion that there is no immediate prospect of peace.

Word reached Great Falls, Mont., on the 3d, of a pitched battle between cowboys and cattle thieves west of Glasgow, near the Dakota line. One of the thieves was reported dead, and the cowboys were in pursuit of the other members of the gang, who had crossed into Dakota.

THE British steamer *Channel Queen*, plying between Plymouth and the Channel islands, struck on Neir Rochoer, off the island of Guernsey, on the 1st, keeled over and soon after sank. Nineteen lives are said to have been lost.

ONE of the most important engagements of the present campaign in Cuba was fought recently near Caiman, between the forces under Gen. Logue and the insurgents under Gen. Garcia. The Spanish loss is reported at 150 killed and a large number wounded.

At Farmersburg, Ind., Bill Zinch sued Jack Piew for \$10,000 damages for alienating Mrs. Zinch's affections. The jury that tried the case thought the man's conduct could be ruled out at six months in the county jail and a fine of \$500.

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MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Judge Eldridge Burden, Lafayette county's oldest citizen, passed away in Lexington, at the residence of his son, John E. Burden, from paralysis.

He was born in Nicholas county, Ky., December 28, 1802, and had resided in Lexington since 1833. He was Lexington's first mayor; was president of the first state bank for 15 years; president of the State Horticultural society for 12 years; was probate judge, and for eight years was a member of the state legislature, during which time, through his efforts, the old law of imprisonment for debt was abolished.

Secretary of State's Report.

Secretary of State Lesner collected and paid into the state treasury for the month of January fees as follows: Notaries' commissions, \$800.00; Tax on domestic corporations, \$254.00; Tax on foreign corporations, \$4.50; Balance on treasury, \$1,290.26; Bank examination fees, \$139.00; Recording railroad contracts, \$140.33; Land department fees, \$11.00; Miscellaneous fees, \$60.80.

State Treasurer's Report.

State Treasurer Pitts has filed with Gov. Stephens his report for January, as follows:

Receipts during January, \$40,006.00; Disbursements during January, \$28,048.45; Balance on hand, \$11,957.55; Penitentiary earnings, \$19,383.26; Receipts from lunatic asylum, \$15,040.71; Receipts from state asylum, \$2,873.70; Receipts from lunatic asylum No. 2, \$5,500.10.

Crushed Into a Shapeless Mass.

William Thornton, a miner, was crushed into a shapeless mass by an immense boulder falling upon him in the Bonanza mine, at Aurora.

The rock weighed between four and five tons, and fell from the roof of the drift and caught him before he could get away. It was some time before the miner could be rescued, and his mangled remains. Thornton was 49 years old, and leaves a wife and several children.

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RETURNED TO PRISON.

Singular Conduct of an Escaped Murderer—Cut His Way to Freedom From Jail—Went Home to Visit His Mother and Sister, and Then Secured a Constable to Escort Him Back to Prison.

FORT SCOTT, Kas., Feb. 5.—A murderer under sentence to be hanged, who had escaped to a point 100 miles from the prison, voluntarily surrendered to the authorities here yesterday, after notifying them of his intention by long-distance telephone. The convict was George W. Finch, of Kansas City, who followed young Frank Swofford here from Paola, Kas., and murdered him for a few dollars, hiding the body in the bushes.

Yesterday Finch called up Sheriff Wheeler by telephone from Lamont, Mo., and said he would be here on the evening train to help mend the prison bars that he had broken.

Finch escaped from the combined federal and state prison here on Tuesday last in company with seven other prisoners. He says he rode from here to Kansas City on a freight train; that he lodged near police headquarters there Tuesday night, and that the next day he went to visit his mother and sister on a farm near Lamont. From the day of his arrest he had not visited him, and he said his one ambition was to see them again.

After staying over night with them he went to Lamont and asked a constable to accompany him back to prison. It was then that he called up Sheriff Wheeler and gave notice of his coming.

Sheriff Wheeler thought Finch was bantering, and wired the officer at Lamont to hold him. However, when the Memphis train came in last night from Lamont the sheriff and 300 citizens were there to receive the convict. While they were waiting the murderer arrived on another railroad and, smoking a cigar, he walked with his escort, the Lamont constable, leisurely up the street to the prison door.

A BAD WRECK.

Several Persons Injured in a Wreck in Michigan.

LAWRENCE, Mich., Feb. 5.—Train No. 8 on the South Haven & Eastern narrow gauge railroad, was wrecked here and at least a half dozen people were injured. It was the first train through since Wednesday noon, and left here at 8:40 a. m. A quarter of a mile from the station the engine jumped the tracks, and was pulled into by the two locomotives which drew the train and the two coaches.

THE INJURED.

Brakeman Lew Berhans, face burned, and one who was internally injured.

Chief Engineer G. Grew, legs hurt.

C. V. Bangs, Lake Caru; left foot smashed.

Charles Mill, Paw Paw; left leg badly hurt and face burned.

The other passengers escaped injury. One passenger was killed, and the other badly damaged.

THE IMMIGRATION BILL.

Friends of the Measure Hopeful of Early Consideration.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The friends of the immigration bill are hopeful of securing its consideration early next week. At the same time a feeling has arisen of late that it is inexpedient to press the question further during the present session of congress, owing to the political antagonisms it would arouse.

The prevailing sentiment, however, is that the measure will be taken from the speaker's table as soon as the military academy appropriation bill is out of the way, and that it will pass by a considerable majority after two or three days' discussion. Representative McManey is organizing an opposition on the republican side of the chamber, and with this element will co-operate most of the minority members. Chairman Danford hopes to have the bill passed as it came from the senate, with the single change of making the educational test include both reading and writing.

TO BE AMBASSADOR.